

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

As Chairman of Codnor Parish Council for 2011–2012, it has been a privilege to work with Council members and outside bodies. We have endeavoured to improve our environment, and also to acknowledge the rich history from which Codnor has grown.

I had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to the Council; Peter Baxendale on 16th May 2011 following Councillor Ian Fisher who left in March 2011 and Gary Whalley on 17th November 2011 after the resignation of Councillor Rex Abel in July 2011 due to ill health. Councillor Abel had served many years on the Council and his hard work and input will be sorely missed.

ENVIRONMENT

The Parish Warden, Daryl Hemsell, continues to provide Codnor with an excellent service.

The land surrounding the half Mining Wheel Memorial has been landscaped, incorporating two bench seats and an interpretative panel that gives information on the history of mining in Codnor. Brickwork has been laid to the front of the Wheel. On completion of all the works, a well attended dedication service was held on Saturday, 3rd March 2012, at 2.00pm, followed by light refreshments at the French Horn Public House.

The Care Home development on the land off Hollywell Avenue, has nearly reached completion. A path to the south of the development and the path running from Jessop Street to West Hill have been refurbished, with the installation of steps, due to the steep incline, at the West Hill end.

The Best Kept Garden and Allotment competitions continue to be organised by the Parish Council and sponsored by Shipley Garden Centre. Anyone with a garden or allotment in the village may enter by contacting the Clerk. A number of vacant allotments are available; for details, contact the Clerk.

The Clock Building toilets have suffered some vandalism during the year and will remain under police surveillance, as the Parish Council continues to keep them operational.

Litter Picks led by councillors and scouts are well attended. More helpers are always welcome. For details please see the Parish Council notice-boards and/or website.

Free Dog Poop-Scoop bags are provided by the Parish Council for Codnor residents. These can be collected from the Newsagents, Mill Lane, the Post Office, Market Place, M & C Hunt, Heanor Road and the Jessop Arms, Jessop Street. Dog fouling is a health hazard and all dog owners are asked to help keep Codnor clean and safe.

POLICE

PC Anna Wellberry was welcomed as the new Police Officer for the Codnor community, taking over from PC David Morton. He was thanked, along with PCSO Alison Dare, for their hard work and contributions to the safety of the people of Codnor.

Residents are requested to report non-emergency calls to the Police on telephone number 101.

YOUTH BUS

Young people attending the Youth Bus service in Codnor averaged 11 per visit during 2011/2012. This is the highest attendance rate amongst all the areas that receive the youth bus facilities, indicating continuing success of the service, which is supported by the Parish Council.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Codnor Fun Day, organised by the Amber Valley Rotary Club, enjoyed lovely weather and good attendance. Music was provided by Belper Town Wind Band, sponsored by Codnor Parish Council.

The Band Concert at Highfields was popular once again. Newstead Brass Band provided the musical entertainment, as they have done for the last couple of years. Strawberries and cream teas contributed to an enjoyable summer afternoon for everyone. The event was sponsored once more by The Derbyshire Community Foundation and Codnor Parish Council.

Bonfire Night Celebrations included yet another spectacular fireworks display provided by Spyrotechnics. The collection totalled £738.60 (including a £150 donation from Bert Holland, the fairground operator). This was distributed at a presentation held in February 2012 to the various voluntary organisations who contributed once again to the success of the event.

‘Carols round the Tree’ was again supported by the Salvation Army Band and the children from Codnor Primary School who sang some special carols for us. The PA system used this year greatly improved the sound quality. The collection of £115 was donated to Children in Need. After the event, everyone was welcomed to Codnor Methodist Church for refreshments.

LITE Ltd were again contracted to provide the Christmas decorations.

Codnor Civic Service was held at St James’ Church. The congregation included local dignitaries, members of local churches, our police and representatives of local organisations. The service was led by Rev Christopher Holden, the sermon was given by the Vicar, Rev Terry Williams, and prayers were led by Rev Marion Crawford. The music group led the singing of hymns and members of the church provided refreshments afterwards.

FINANCE

As in previous years, the draft precept for 2012/2013 was published for public comment; none was received.

The Parish Council’s 2011/2012 revenue income was £84,253.68. Total expenditure was £101,273.66, which included capital expenditure of £51,431.90. Restricted income in reserve is £190,154.73; this includes a legacy to the Council of £30,000. The precept for 2011/2012 was £42,500. The 2012/2013 precept is £44,090, which includes £5000 to maintain free car parking in the village.

TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:-

- Get in touch with the Parish Clerk or any of the elected members.
- Come to a meeting of the Parish Council; these are open to the public and you can raise issues of concern to you by prior arrangement with the Clerk.
- Meetings are usually held in Peverel House and are monthly [but not in August]. They are normally held on either the first or second Monday of the month, beginning at 7.30 pm.
- The meeting in May is preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish and begins at 6.30pm.
- Details are posted on the Parish Notice Boards outside Peverel House and at Crosshill cemetery, in the quarterly newsletter and on the parish website at www.codnor.parishcouncil.net

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Benefits, Council Tax,
Car Parking, Bus passes,
Bus Shelters, Dog Wardens,
Environmental Health, Footpaths,
Leisure Centres, Planning Permission,
Refuse Collection, Street cleaning

Derbyshire County Council
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Education, Highways,
Trading Standards, Social Services,
Libraries, Street Lighting

CODNOR PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

At the annual meeting of the Parish of Codnor in May 2012, the Chairman of the Parish Council gave his report on the work of the Council during the past year. This is a copy of that report, together with other information which may be useful to the people of Codnor.

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